

TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa. Testimony was heard from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; John Hicks, Assistant Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Cooperation Development Agency; and public witnesses.

ASIA-U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance Programs in Asia. Testimony was heard from Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Tim Carney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Committee recessed subject to call.

COMMON SENSE LEGAL STANDARDS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 8 to 4, a modified closed rule on H.R. 956, Common Sense Legal Standards Reform Act of 1995. The rule makes in order the text of H.R. 1075 as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. Only the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules are in order. The amendments are considered as read. The amendments may only be offered in the order specified in the report and only by the Member designated in the report. The amendments are not subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The amendments are debatable for the time specified in the report, to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The amendments are: 1. Geren (TX) #25; 2. Schroeder (CO) #54; 3. Hyde (IL) #37; 4. Schumer (NY) #35; 5. Conyers (MI) #60; 6. Watt (NC) #17; 7. Furse (OR) #12; 8. Hyde (IL) #36; 9. Oxley, Burr, Tauzin, Brewster, Coburn, Stenholm #13; 10.

Hoke (OH) #29; 11. Cox (CA) #52; 12. Cox (CA) #51; 13. Dingell (MI) #32; 14. Gekas (PA) #45; and 15. Schumer (NY) #33.

IMPROVE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on legislation to Improve the National Highway System and Ancillary Issues Relating to Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw, Weldon of Florida, Dornan, Filner, Hamilton, Farr, Horn, Gordon, Goodlatte, Payne of Virginia, Sisisky, Blute, Bereuter, Johnson of South Dakota, Buyer, Mica, McIntosh, Roemer, Lazio, Roukema, Reed, Schaefer, Coleman and Ortiz.

Hearings continue March 10.

MEDICARE LEGISLATION; WELFARE TRANSFORMATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1134, Medicare Presidential Budget Savings Extension Act; H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States; H.R. 1157, Welfare Transformation Act of 1995.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D184)

S. 257, to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea. Signed March 7, 1995. (P.L. 104-3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on cost issues of certain farm programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Secret Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Army, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Metropolitan Washington National Airport authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Wilma A. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior; to be followed by a closed briefing on international aspects of petroleum supply, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings to examine welfare reform proposals, focusing on policy goals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the implementation and costs of U.S. policy in Haiti, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to review South Asian proliferation issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to resume mark up of S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on S. 227, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings on the nomination of Dennis M. Duffy, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning, and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 1996 for veterans programs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E558-60 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Federal Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE: General; Science/Biological; and Environmental Re-

search/Basic Energy Sciences, 10 a.m., and on DOE: Fusion/Science Education and Technical Information/Technology partnerships and Economic Competitiveness, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on Russian Aid, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Minerals Management Service, 10 a.m., and on Commission on Fine Arts, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and on Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., and on Health Resources and Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Medical Program, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on National Foreign Intelligence Program, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Office of the Secretary, 10 a.m., and on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on the Community Reinvestment Act, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the U.S. Department of Commerce Fiscal Year 1996 Budget proposal, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the reauthorization of the following: Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act; and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on proposals for cost reduction, improved efficiency and reforms at the Department of Labor, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on the Effectiveness of the National Drug Control Strategy and the Current Status of the Drug War, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy in Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing on U.S. Strategic Interests in Panama, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills:

H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and H.R. 1077, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on the Galvin Report: Alternative Futures for the DOE National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing to review the SBA 504 program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Develop-

ment, to continue hearings on GSA Capital Investment Program Reform legislation and related matters, 8:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue hearings on the reauthorization of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, hearing on the progress of research on undiagnosed illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing regarding recent intellectual property agreement signed with People's Republic of China and the prospects for China's accession to the WTO, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Human Intelligence, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.